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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (PAPER NO. 5)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A response to the *Restriction Requirement* Office Action of November 28, 2000 was originally due December 28, 2000. This Response is therefore accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the time for responding for an additional month, up to and including January 28, 2000. Please accept this Response as timely filed.

In response to the *Restriction Requirement* Office Action of November 28, 2000, Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group III, being that of claims 5-7, drawn to a composition comprising calcium, a colloidally active substance and optionally nitroglycerin AND low molecular weight dextran, high molecular weight dextran, glucose, buffer, K⁺, Mg⁺⁺, Na⁺, and Cl⁻. Applicants note that claim 1 was indicated as generic. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue the non-elected subject matter, and to present further dependent claims which depend from the elected subject matter.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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